

### **Amendments to Specification**

Page 1, delete the TITLE in its entirety and replace therewith the following:

IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS BEING  
CONFIGURED FOR EASY REMOVAL OF JAMMED RECORDING  
MATERIAL AND FOR REDUCING INSTALLATION SPACE

Pages 3-4, rewrite the paragraph starting at line 21 on page 3, to read as follows:

The image forming apparatus is also provided with a both-sided unit 160 outside the side cover ~~150~~<sup>160</sup> on the main body unit 110. This both-sided unit 160 is provided for transporting a recording material having recorded thereon an image to the main body unit 110 again by reversing the recording material by a switch back. For this reason, as illustrated in Figure 12, the image forming apparatus is arranged so as to open the transport path ~~142~~ by moving the side cover 150 downwards to the position indicated by a solid line from the position indicated by a chain double-dashed line in the state where both-sided unit 160 is detached from the side cover 150 using the axis 161 provided below the both-sided unit 160 as a fulcrum.

Pages 31-32, rewrite the paragraph starting at line 21 on page 31, to read as follows:

As illustrated in Figure 1, the image forming apparatus 10 is provided with the both-sided printing transport unit 21 on the opposite side of the electro-photographic processing section in the recording material transport section 17, i.e., along the side wall in the image recording device main body 12a (main body of the image forming apparatus 10) on the side the external recording material supply unit 15 is provided), and the space ~~S-S1~~ for opening the longitudinal transport path 35 is formed below the both-sided printing transport unit 21. With this structure, the required space for the image forming apparatus 10 can be reduced, which in turns reduces the required space for the image forming system 1 itself. In the present embodiment, the space S1 is provided utilizing the space below the both-sided printing transport unit 21. Therefore, on appearance, the image forming apparatus 10 has a flat side face irrespectively of differences in

size of respective devices (sections) which constitute the image forming apparatus 10, which in turn realizes a simple and neat appearance of the image forming system itself. With this structure, it is possible to combine the peripheral equipment with the image forming apparatus 10 with ease, and sense of beauty can be ensured without adversely affecting office environment.

Pages 34-35, rewrite the paragraph starting at line 12 on page 34, to read as follows:

The recording material storage section 66 can be drawn to the front side of the external recording material supply unit 15, i.e., to the near side (front face side). With this structure, when setting the recording material (supplying or exchanging) with respect to the external recording material supply unit 15, the recording material storage section 66 is drawn to the front side of the external recording material supply unit 15 to set the recording material. As a result, the image forming system 1 permits a user to perform not only the operations with respect to the image forming apparatus 10 but also the operation with respect to the external recording material supply unit 15 from the front side of the image forming system 1, thereby achieving a still improved operability. In the meantime, it is not necessary to separately ensure the space for supplying or exchanging the recording material with respect to the external recording material supply unit 15, and the recording material can be supplied or discharged with respect to the external recording material supply unit 15 within a predetermined ~~width~~ of the image forming system 1. As a result, the installation space and the operation space can be reduced, and the performance can be improved with a minimum increase in the required installation space, whereby the installation space can be ensured with ease.